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SUBJ: GUINEA-BISSAU ISSUE IN UN

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED GUINEA-BISSAU ISSUE WITH FONOFF HEAD AFRICA DIVISION OMURA. OMURA NOTED THAT GOJ FOLLOWS CRITERIA SIMILAR TO THOSE OF US IN RECOGNITION OF STATES AND HAS NO PLANS TO RECOGNIZE GUINEA-BISSAU UNDER CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. OMURA SAID HIS OFFICE IN PAST FEW DAYS HAS UNDERLINED GOJ POLICY BASED ON SAME CRITERIA TO UNIVERSITY GROUPS ADVOCATING RECOGNITION OF GUINEA-BUSSAU AT FONOFF.

2. AT UN, OMURA SAID GOJ WOULD AS IN RECENT PAST FOLLOW LOW PROFILE POLICY SEEKING BALANCE BETWEEN PRINCIPLES GOJ PREFERS, SIMILAR TO THOSE OUTLINED REF A, AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC NECESSITY OF NOT OFFENDING AFRO-ARABS. OMURA SAID GOJ WOULD TEND TO ABSTAIN ON THE MOST SENSITIVE AFRICAN ISSUES.

3. OMURA STATED THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT JAPAN'S AFRICA
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POLICY TO CHANGE IN NEAR FUTURE, BUT IN AN EXTENDED DIS-

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CUSSION OF JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH LDCS AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE JAPAN OBTAINS ITS RESOURCES, OMURA INDICATED THAT JAPAN, AS OTHER ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL NATIONS, WOULD INCREASINGLY HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION PROFOUND CHANGES WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE IN WORLD. AMONG THOSE, HE CITED SHIFT FROM EAST-WEST TO NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION; INCREASED COHESION AND POLITICAL CLOUT OF "NON-ALIGNED"; AND OBSERVATION BY LDCS DURING CURRENT ME CRISIS THAT NATURAL RESOURCES ARE POWERFUL POLITICAL WEAPONS. ADVANCED NATIONS, ESPECIALLY JAPAN, WOULD BE INCREASINGLY VULNERABLE TO THESE NEW POLITICAL FACTS OF LIFE. VULNERABILITIES MAY FORCE JAPAN TO BASE POLICIES MORE ON PRAGMATIC CONSIDERATIONS THAN POLITICAL PRINCIPLE.

4. COMMENT: DURING US-JAPAN BILATERALS ON AFRICA SEPTEMBER '73 (REF C) ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM AND OTHER US PARTICIPANTS WERE SURPRISED AT LITTLE INTEREST BUREAUCRATS IN MID-EAST AND AFRICAN BUREAU SHOWED IN ACCESS TO RESOURCES IN AFRICA OR IN POLITICAL PROBLEMS AS THEY RELATE TO RESOURCE ACCESS. ME CRISIS APPEARS TO HAVE HAD IT EFFECTS AND ON ISSUES SUCH AS GUINEA-BISSAU WE CAN EXPECT INCREASING SENSITIVITY ON PART OF JAPANESE TO VIEWS OF NON-ALIGNED AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THEY OBTAIN NATURAL RESOURCES. OBVIOUSLY, GOJ'S LOWER PROFILE MAY MEAN LESS JAPANESE SUPPORT ON AFRICAN ISSUES IN WHICH USG HAS INTEREST.
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